

### REMARKS

In the Advisory Action mailed February 7, 2005, it was indicated that the proposed amendments submitted on January 27, 2005, raised the issue of new matter. Please note that claims 9, 12, 15 and 17 as provided with the Response filed January 27, 2005, and repeated here, are fully supported by the original specification.

In this regard, for support of the "solids treating device" as now claimed, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 4, lines 7-13 of the original specification. For support of the "addition device" as now claimed, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 4, lines 28-30 of the original specification. For support of the "thermal decomposition device" as now claimed, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 5, lines 1-4 and page 10, lines 10-13 of the original specification. And, for support of the "acidic gas treating device" as now claimed, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 5, lines 15-19 of the original specification. Support for the remaining claimed limitations is to be believed to be readily apparent.

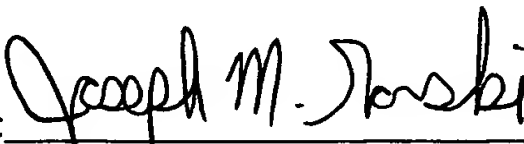
Claims 9, 12, 15 and 17 are believed to be allowable for the reasons as set forth in the response filed January 27, 2005.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Response, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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